

Pitiable condition of female prisoners

2445. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of female prisoners in different jails of the country at present;
- (b) whether Government are aware that the condition of these female prisoners is very pitiable;
- (c) if *m*, whether Government are going to take any effective steps to improve it; and
- (d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Review of NGOs in Himachal Pradesh

2446. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of Non-Governmental Organisations in Himachal Pradesh which are receiving financial assistance from Government;
- (b) whether any review of the working of such organizations has been carried out;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any of the organizations has ever been black-listed; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI